



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Linda C. Cima, Edward W. Merrill and Phillip R. Kuhl
Serial No: 08/398,555 Art Unit: 1811
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For: *CELL GROWTH SUBSTRATES WITH TETHERED CELL
GROWTH EFFECTOR MOLECULES*

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

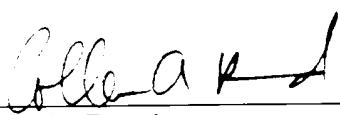
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), Applicants petition that the period for response to the Office Action, mailed September 16, 1997, in the above-identified application be extended for one month, up to and including October 14, 1997. A check for the fee of \$270.00 for a small entity under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(c) accompanies this Petition. Filed with this petition is a Petition for Entry of Amendment.

It is believed that no additional fee is required with this submission. However, should a fee be required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees to

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Respectfully submitted,



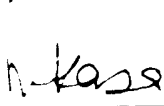
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